

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 058042

62

ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCA-01 H-02 L-03 JUSE-00 PRS-01 INSE-00

/020 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/EE:RAMOSHER:DJW

APPROVED BY SCA:

H -

EUR/EE - MR. ANDREWS

----- 072477

R 101504Z MAR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

INFO AMCONSUL ZAGREB

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 058042

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, YO

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF ARTUKOVIC CASE WITH YUGOSLAV
EMBOFF

REF: ZAGREB 167

1. DUSAN STRBAC, YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, MET WITH SCA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS LAWRENCE AND LEBEDEV, WHILDEN OF L, MOSHER, YUGOSLAV DESK, TODAY TO DISCUSS ARTUKOVIC CASE. STRBAC WISHED TO KNOW DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON ARTUKOVIC'S DEPORTATION, THE STATUS OF CASE, AND WHAT LEGAL ACTION YUGOSLAVIA COULD TAKE AGAINST OTHER "WAR CRIMINALS" IN THE U.S.

2. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT ARTUKOVIC CASE WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION SERVICE, AND THAT THEY MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO REOPEN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 058042

WAS THAT THERE WERE NO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH

WOULD PREVENT INS FROM REOPENING PROCEEDINGS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED TO STRBAC THAT THE QUESTION FOR THE U.S. WAS NOT WHETHER ARTUKOVIC WAS A WAR CRIMINAL BUT WHETHER HE ENTERED THE U.S. ILLEGALLY. IT WAS ALSO STATED TO HIM THAT IF THE YUGOSLAVS WISHED TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST

OTHER "WAR CRIMINALS" IN THE U.S. THEY SHOULD PRESENT THE INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH WOULD FORWARD IT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

3. THE CONGRESSIONAL "APPEAL" DESCRIBED IN REFTEL WAS IN THE FORM OF A LETTER FROM CONGRESSWOMAN HOLTZMAN AND TEN COLLEAGUES TO THE SECRETARY. REPLY WAS SENT OVER ASST. SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY'S SIGNATURE ON DECEMBER 16 STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS STILL IN MIDST OF COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CASE. WE ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE IF STORY COULD HAVE BEEN PICKED UP FROM U.S. MEDIA. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EXPULSION, WAR CRIMES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE058042
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RAMOSHER:DJW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760091-0751
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760375/aaaacnta.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 ZAGREB 167
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 SEP 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <20 MAY 2004 by ifshinsr, REFER TO DOJ>; RELEASED <13 SEP 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <14 SEP 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISCUSSION OF ARTUKOVIC CASE WITH YUGOSLAV EMBOFF
TAGS: PFOR, YO, US, (ARTUKOVIC, ANDREJ)
To: BELGRADE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006